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1. SINCE PRAVDA COMMENTARY (MARCH 31) SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS HAS SOMEWHAT EASED ITS CAMPAIGN TO SUGGEST A LINK BETWEEN THE U.S. AND KING FAISAL'S ASSASSIN. BUT LITERATURNAYA GAZETA WRAP-UP ON KING'S DEATH (APRIL 2) HAS KEPT THE EFFORT ALIVE.

2. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA (APRIL 1) REPORTED OFFICIAL RIYAD ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MURDERER HAD BEEN FOUND SANE. ONLY IZVESTIYA, HOWEVER, ADDED GRATUITOUS COMMENT THAT ARAB PRESS CONTINUING TO SPECULATE THAT "FOREIGN FORCES" STOOD BEHIND THE ASSASSIN.  
MAJOR DAILES WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (APRIL 2-3) CARRY NO

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FURTHER REPORTS ON SAUDI SITUATION.

3. WEEKLY LITGAZ, HOWEVER, OFFERED MAJOR EXCEPTION TO FALL-OFF IN PRESS CAMPAIGN. ARTICLE BY YA. BOROVY REHASHED MAIN POINTS OF PRAVDA COMMENTARY (MARCH 31) --THAT RECENT SAUDI OIL POLICIES AND SAUDI AID TO ARAB STATES AGAINST ISRAEL HAD DISSATISFIED THE U.S. AND THAT RECENT OIL PRICE INCRREASE WAS "SERIOUS BLOW" TO INTERNATIONAL, PARTICULARLY U.S., OIL MONOPOLIES. ALTHOUGH HE OMITTED PRAVDA'S DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE CIA, BOROVY QUOTED HUMANITE THAT "MURDER OF THE SAUDI MONARCH IS TIED WITH THE INTRIGUES OF AMERICAN OIL MOMOPOLIES AT THE HEAD OF WHICH STANDS ARAMCO -- A REAL KINGDOM WITHIN A KINGDOM". BOROVY ALSO CONCLUDED HIS REPLAY OF REMARKS ABOUT U.S.-SAUDI DIFFERENCES OVER OIL BY CITING CAIRO AL GUMHURIYA THAT DEATH OF KING WAS "RESULT OF SHARP DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND THE U.S. OVER THE BOYCOTT OF AMERICAN COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS WITH ISRAEL."

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